

# 2015 Wilderness District Trails Cleared

Note: Due to tree fall, floods or other environmental conditions, the trails may become impassible at any moment. Travel at your own risk. To learn more about current trail conditions and water sources, call your local district Forest Service office. In areas of recent fires, the grass and weeds grow very fast. Despite recent maintenance, dense vegetation on the trail in these areas is likely. Please help maintain the tread on the trails by hiking the trails we have opened.

## Around Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center

### Cleared this Year

**Horse access trail from Woody's Corral to Cliff Dwellings (1 mile) – logged, no lopping or retread**

**Little Creek Trail (# 161) from junction with # 160 to junction with # 163 (1 mile) – logged and lopped, no retread.** Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.

**EE canyon (# 163) (3 miles) – logged, lopped and retreaded.** Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.

**Thousand Mile Ridge Trail (Ring Canyon Trail) from Woody's Coral Trail (# 160) to Little Creek (# 162) (1 mile) – logged.** Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness

**Woody's Corral Trail (aka Granny Mtn trail # 160) to Little Creek (# 162) (4 miles) – logged.** Can be part of a variety of loop hike options or as access to the larger wilderness.

**West Fork Trail from Cliff Dwellings to 1 mile before Hells Hole (# 151) (13 miles) - logged, lopped and retreaded.** Wonderful river walk with impressive rock formations along the way.

**Little Bear Trail to Middle Fork (# 729) (4 miles)** Little Bear Canyon is a short beautiful slot canyon that starts 3.5 miles from the trailhead.

**West Fork Loop - loop leaving from TJ Coral up 3 miles of Little Bear Trail (# 729) to connector trail between Little Bear Trail and ZigZag Trail (# 164) to ZigZag Trail (# 28) to the West Fork of the Gila (12 miles) – logged, no retread or lopping.** The connector trail provides access into the wilderness when the Middle and West Fork are flooding or river crossings are undesirable. The trail travels through pinyon-juniper and is the initial access to key areas such as Prior Cabin, Lily Mountain, Woodland Park, and Chicken Coop.

**Little Creek / Thousand Mile Ridge connector – logged and lopped (# 789) (1 mile).** Efficient trail for traveling from the creek to the ridge top. Can be used as a part of a loop hike.

**Woodland Park Trail # 164 from Junction with trail # 28 to junction with trail # 12 (4 miles) – logged.** Access trail to many hikes in old growth ponderosa forests

### Cleared Recently

**West Fork Bypass Trail (# 151) (1.5 miles)**

**White Rock Loop Trail - White Rocks turn off on the Middle Fork to White Rocks to East Fork to Adobe Canyon and back to Middle Fork (# 27, # 771, # 804) (16 miles).** This loop is in pinyon-juniper country with expansive views. White Rocks is a key feature along the way. As it drops down to the East Fork, it winds through impressive rock formations. The trail along the East Fork is a pleasant river walk which is especially beautiful in the fall when there are flowers everywhere.

## **Other Gila Wilderness**

### **Cleared this Year**

**Holt Apache Trail from Sheridan Corral to 2 Miles past Camp Creek Junction (# 181) (9 miles).** Creek hike up to expansive views.

**West Fork Trail (# 151) on Cub Mesa from White Creek Cabin to Junction with Turkey Feather Creek (7.5 miles) - logged.** Access trail to White Creek Cabin that passes through beautiful rolling hills of Ponderosa forests

**Stove Springs Trail (# 814) from West Fork to top of climb out (3/4 mile) – logged.** Trail leads to Lilley Park and Clear Creek.

**Trail # 155 from White Creek Cabin to junction with Trail # 153 (2.5 miles) – logged.** Good trail for traversing the wilderness.

**Lilley Park Trail (# 164) 2 miles of trail cleared west from Lilley Park – logged.** This trail passes through canyons while also offering some views to the southwest.

**Trail # 30 from White Creek Cabin to Lilley Park (3 miles) – logged.** Lilley Park is a beautiful destination. This trail is one way to access this area. Please note that the switchbacks leaving White Creek Cabin have very narrow tread.

**Horse Springs Trail (# 187) from junction with # 153 to Junction with # 155 (2 miles) – logged.** This trail travels through the beautiful Ponderosa Park and an open canyon bottom.

**Diablo Pass (# 155) from junction with # 161 and # 171 to junction with # 162 at McKenna Spring (3.5 miles) – logged.** This is a key access trail into the spectacular old growth ponderosa forest of McKenna Park and the lush canyon of Rawmeat.

**Trail # 153 in Rawmeat Creek from junction with # 155 to junction with Langstroth Trail (# 302) (1 mile)- logged.** Beautiful creek to travel through.

**Langstroth Trail (# 302) from junction with # 153 to first prong of White creek (2 miles) – logged.** This trail travels through a diversity of health ponderosa forest, old burns and new burns.

### **Cleared Recently**

**74 MTN trail to Mogollon Creek to Gobbler to Mogollon Baldy (# 153, # 221, # 152) (18 miles).** This trail is a great access to the wilderness from the Gila/Cliff region. It provides the most reliable access to Mogollon Baldy since the Bursum Road is often closed for part of the year. Mogollon Creek is still a beautiful lush place to hike despite some flooding. Snow Park and the nearby spring, unburned in the Baldy fire, provide a campsite with expansive views. As the trail ascends to Mogollon Baldy, it passes through a wide variety of forest ecosystems and rock formations.

**Meadows Trail from the Meadows Trail Trailhead off Forest Road 142a to the Meadows (#53) (8 miles).** The trail to the Meadows follows Indian Creek from the mesa top and travels mostly through pinyon-juniper country.

**Christie tank to Black Mountain (# 23) (3.5 miles).** This trail through ponderosa forests, provide the shortest access from Forest Road 142c up to the spectacular views from the top of Black Mountain.

**Jordan Canyon to Black Mountain (# 20) (5 miles)** From Black Mountain, one can venture further into the wilderness via the Jordan Canyon Trail, a 5 mile trail. In fact, it is the start of a loop option that continues on to Green Fly tank to Sam Martin Spring and back to Christie tank.

**Meadows Trail to Sam Martin Spring (# 23) (1.5 miles)** Sam Martin Spring is a good place to find water.

## **Trails Accessed by Forest Road 150**

### **Aldo Leopold Wilderness - Cleared this Year**

**CDT from Diamond Peak to 1 mile past Fisherman's (# 74) (4.5 miles) – logged, lopped and drainage work.** Trail has expansive views and passes interesting rock formations. It travels through a variety of forest types.

**CDT Trail from FS Road 150 to Reeds Peak (# 74) (14 miles) – logging, lopping, and major trail reconstruction due to fire, erosion, and tread damage.** Although the fire burned the ridge between Aspen and Reeds Peak, Squeaky Spring just North of Reeds Peak is unburned and is a beautiful place to camp.

**CDT trail from Forest Road 150 south to Brannon Springs (# 74) (5 miles) – logged, no retread or looping.** Brannon Springs is located in a beautiful Ponderosa forest with the nearby rock formations in Rocky Canyon.

### **CDT access trails:**

**CDT Access Trail to Signboard Saddle (# 741) (4 miles) – logged.** The trailhead for this trail allows access to the CDT without the need for a high clearance vehicle. It is mainly pinyon-juniper that graduates into ponderosa forests.

**Aspen Canyon (# 75) (5 miles) – logged.** This trail is a good connector trail for the other trails cleared this year. It completes a loop hiking option which leaves from Forest Road 150, up the CDT to Signboard Saddle to Reeds Meadow and then down Black Canyon trail to Aspen Canyon trail and back up to Signboard Saddle and to Forest Road 150.

**Rocky Campground to CDT Trail (# 700) ( 1 mile) – logged.** Access to Brannon Springs and Rocky Point from the Rocky Campground.

**CDT Trail from Reeds Peak to Reeds Meadow (# 74) (4 miles) – logged and lopped.** Although historic fires have removed patches of the trees along the CDT trail from Reeds Mountain to Diamond Peak, the openness allows for amazing panoramic views far to the east and north.

**Mimbres Trail (# 77) from CDT Access Trail (# 741) to Mimbres River (2 miles) – logged.** Great trail for an out and back hike.

**Diamond Creek from Diamond Peak to FS Road 150 (# 40) (19 miles)- logged and lopped.** Beautiful canyon with big trees, nice rock formations, and impressive old growth ponderosa and mixed conifer forests. The trail is a gentle climb until the last 4 miles to Diamond Peak.

**Caledonia Trail (# 42) from Turkey Run Road (# 500) to Diamond Creek (¾ mile) – logged.** The beginning of the trail is a moderate incline through Ponderosa forests to a saddle. As the trail drops down to Diamond Creek, it passes a waterfall and interesting rock formations. After ¾ of a mile the trail arrives at Diamond Creek which supports a lush mixed conifer forest ecosystem. It is a part of the shortest hike to Diamond Peak

**Fisherman's Canyon (# 48) (1 mile) – logged and lopped.** Intense hike with unique geological features and multiple caves. It is a short access to the CDT and potential for being part of a loop hike.

### **Aldo Leopold Wilderness Cleared Recently**

**CDT Trail from Reeds Meadow to Diamond Peak (# 74) (4 ¾ miles) - logged and lopped.** Although historic fires have removed patches of the trees along the CDT trail from Reeds Mountain to Diamond Peak, the openness allows for amazing panoramic views far to the east and north.

**CDT Trail from Highway 35 to Brannon Springs(# 74) (8 miles) – logged, no retread or looping.** Brannon Springs is located in a beautiful ponderosa forest with the nearby rock formations in Rocky Canyon.

**CDT access trails:**

**Meown Fire Base to Diamond Peak (# 707 & # 68) (12.5 miles) – logged.** The trail up South Diamond to Diamond Peak is not burned and is a beautiful place to hike and camp along a stream. It passes through a wide variety of forest types such as pinyon-juniper, ponderosa, mix conifer, and aspen.

**Burnt Canyon to Diamond Peak (# 69) (4 miles) – logged and lopped.** Burnt Canyon often has water.

**Trail # 308 to # 67 through Turkey Park to Diamond Peak (4.5 miles).** Ponderosa, mixed conifer, and aspen forests are all ecosystems along this hike.

## **Gila Wilderness Cleared Recently**

**Middle Mesa to Tom Moore Canyon to Forest Road 150 (# 716, # 708) (17 mile loop).** The Middle Mesa trail winds through pinyon-juniper grasslands. From the mesa top, there are great views stretching all the way to Mogollon Baldy and over to Black Mountain. In Tom Moore Canyon, the trail gently winds up a wide and open canyon of beautiful old ponderosa trees. Near the top of the canyon is a spring fed tank. There is a short section of road walking to return back to the starting point.

## **Other - Gila National Forest**

### **Cleared this Year**

**Crest Trail from Hillsboro Peak to Board Gate Saddle (# 79) (9 miles) – logged, lopped, and water diversion.** Fire severity varies from low to high.

**Hillsboro Peak Bypass Trail (# 412) (1 mile) – logged and lopped with no retread.** Good trail for bypassing Hillsboro Peak and as a part of a loop hike.

**Hwy 152 at Railroad Campground to Holding Prong Saddle via Gallinas Canyon trail (# 129) and Railroad canyon trail (# 128) (4.5 miles) – logged, no tread or lopping.** Beautiful creek walk that is mostly unburned which climbs up to an unburned saddle. Access trail to Hillsboro Peak and the Crest Trail (# 79).

**Gallinas Canyon trail (# 129) from Hwy 152 at Railroad Campground to the Crest Trail (# 79) – logged and lopped.** Starts off as a beautiful canyon hike.

**Rabb Park Trail (# 747) from Hwy 152 to junction with Quaking Aspen Trail (# 86) – logged and lopped.**

**Crest Trail from McKnight Cabin to Reeds (# 79) ( 10 miles) - lopped, retreaded, water diversion, and logged.** Amazing views throughout the hike which passes through both burned and unburned sections. Lots of aspen along the trail creates beautiful fall colors.

**Allie Canyon from Hwy 35 to FS road 855 (# 100) – logged.** Trail passes by the High Tower Grave site

**Wolf Hollow Trail (# 773) from FS Road 141 to Black Mountain Lookout (5 miles) – logged.** Good day hike to see the views from Black Mountain.

## **Cleared Recently**

**Powderhorn Trail from end of Road 151 to Crest Trail (# 82) (5.5 miles) – logged, no retread or lopping.**

This provides access to the Black Range Crest Trail. This is the first part of a loop that is being reopened. The Crest Trail is selected for maintenance in the recent future. Call the Forest Service for updates. The Crest Trail contains sections of forest that lived through the Silver Fire.

**Crest Trail from Hwy 152 to Hillsboro Peak Lookout (# 79) (5 miles) – reconstruction and water control.**

This trail follows the ridge and offers magnificently expansive views. Despite that portions of the vegetation are burned from the Silver Fire, there are good campsites along the way.